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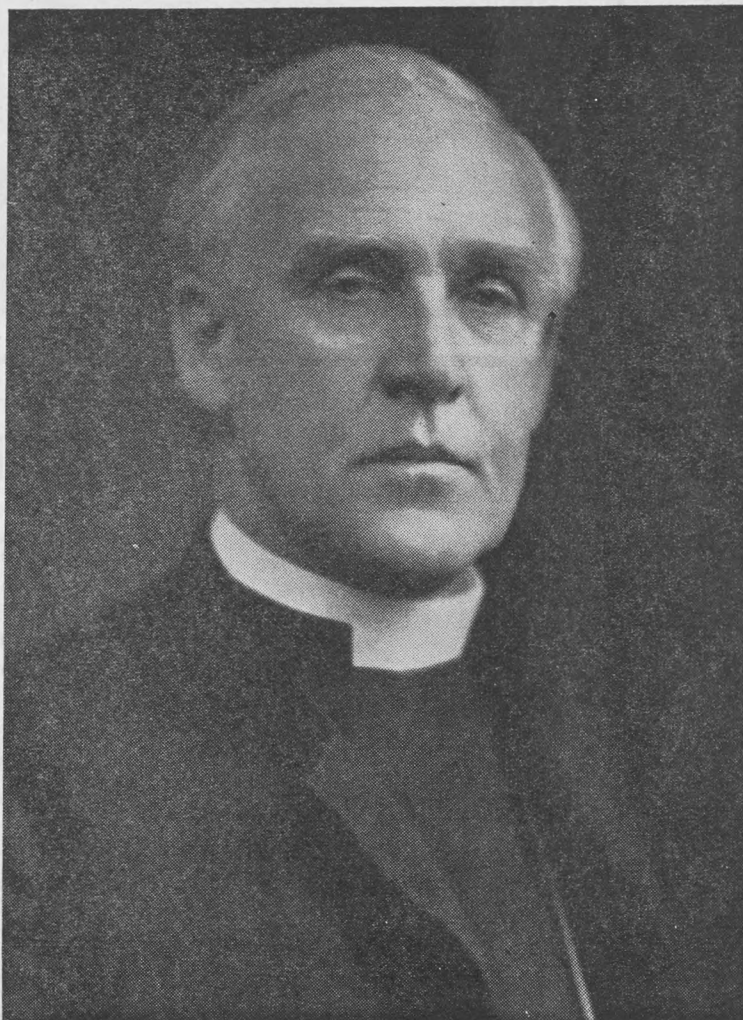
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The Bishop's Page

In Memoriam

An address delivered by the Bishop at a Memorial Service for the Most Reverend Derwyn Trevor Owen, D.D., at All Saints' Cathedral, on Sunday, April 13th.

The death of Derwyn Trevor Owen, Archbishop of Toronto and Primate of all Canada, has brought an overwhelming sense of loss across the breadth of Canada and beyond our borders, not only to the members of our Anglican Communion, of which he was the beloved head, but also to the whole of Canadian Christendom. We are gathered today to commemorate his life and death.

A proper appreciation of him, if it could be given, would present a portrait of a true Christian gentleman: one through whom all living is fairer, our Lord Jesus Christ more understandable and our God more real. This is the measure of his true greatness that he made it easier for everyone else to live as Christians.

No fear of the exaggeration to which we are all prone in time of sorrow shall prevent me from saying that Derwyn Trevor Owen was one of the few men to whom the title "saint" seemed not inappropriate. That honourable word means gentleness and strength. It signifies, on the one hand, humility and patience and love and, on the other hand, courage and conviction. These were in him well marked qualities.

In his office as Primate he was often thrown amidst controversy and debate—sometimes bitter controversy. Whenever in the arena of controversy points of view clashed sharply, his spirit remained calm, his judgment unimpaired and his courtesy un-failing. He never enlisted under any party banner. With wide tolerance he recognized the validity of other approaches than his own to the City of God. "The City," he would say, "has twelve gates." While conscious of the rich heritage that was his in the Anglican communion he was always more conscious of the great responsibilities which this involved rather than the privileges it conferred. Fully aware of the high value of aids to worship in ritual, symbol and cult he maintained that they were means to an end and never to be confused as ends in themselves.

His wisdom, his winsomeness, his courtesy, patience and tolerance won the admiration, respect, confidence and affection not only of all types of Anglicans but of every other Christian communion in this land. In his person he united this Church of England from coast to coast, drawing into one happy fellowship all its diverse elements. Through his life and work we have also been drawn into friendly converse with other communions. He embodied a spirit of unity.

Originally it was the intention to call The Anglican Advance Appeal: "The Archbishop Owen Memorial Fund," but he modestly declined the honour. Now it is in fact just that, whatever its name. It will stand as a witness to his inspired leadership.

This memorial service needs a text. I choose one from the opening verses of the Book of Joshua, where we read: "Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spake unto Joshua, saying, 'Moses, my servant, is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan'." The memory of Moses was like a bugle call blown through the camp—a Last Post and Reveille. That text on this day preaches itself.

The memory of Derwyn Trevor Owen is like a bugle call blown at the gates of our souls. It bids us arise and go over these Jordans.

There is the Jordan of "winning the peace" about which he spoke to us in this Cathedral Church of All Saints', Edmonton, at Epiphany-tide, 1946. He was a lover of peace—a true peacemaker. He craved peace—not peace at any price but peace at all costs. He knew the cost of peace, for he gave one son in the war to help bring it in. He knew the costliness of all the best things and was ever ready to pay the price.

There is the Jordan of Christian Unity—one of the great causes so close to his heart. In his life he did more than any single individual to promote this cause amongst us. We have a trust to keep.

There is the Jordan of the Missionary work of the Church at home and abroad. As he reminded us at the great banquet here, he had been destined to live most of his life in cities but he loved the country. In unforgettable phrase and imagery he revealed his love for rural life. He homesteaded here in Alberta. In season and out of season he pleaded the cause of the rural mission and the rural priest. But his mind and heart were not bounded by Canada. He lifted his eyes to the teeming millions of India, China and Japan for whom Christ died.

We are under an unpayable debt to him. What else could we be saying to one another today except this: "Now therefore let us arise and go over this Jordan."

Dr. Jowett used to call the eleventh chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews: "The Westminster Abbey of the Bible." The writer sweeps through the list of the great heroes of the faith who had made the history of his people memorable, using the past tense about them just as I have used the past tense about our late Primate, then suddenly he gathers them all up into the present tense—which is the true tense. He pictures this world as a great amphitheatre with all the benches of the spectators filled with the living dead, while we, still in the arena, have our race to run. Seeing then that we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run our race with patience.

True it is that earth has grown somewhat poorer; but heaven today expands its meaning and its hope.

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Editorial

Death of a Primate

The passing of the Most Reverend Derwyn Trevor Owen, D.D., D.C.L. Archbishop of Toronto and Primate of All Canada, leaves us all with a distinct sense of personal loss. Few bishops have been so widely known throughout the whole Dominion, and none so much loved. Archbishop Owen was a true Father in God, and possessed to an unusual degree that quality of grace which endeared him to all men. We shall remember him for his modesty, sincerity and piety—qualities of life which we associate with the highest meaning of the term "Christian."

Among the tributes paid to his memory was one by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who sent this message: "In my brief visit to Canada last year I was deeply impressed by the wisdom, gentle patience, strong and winning grace of Archbishop Owen. It was evident how universally he was loved and trusted and how much the Church in Canada owed to his leadership."

"And we also bless Thy holy Name, for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen."

Good Friday and Easter Day

The great Festival of Easter has come and gone, and again countless millions of people all over the world went to church to worship. Churches everywhere were filled, and hearts were warmed by this manifestation of the strength of the Christian Church. Numbers may not be the best guide, or the truest reflection of Christianity, but no one can fail to be moved by the spectacle of Christian peoples of all communions filling their churches as they bear witness to Christ's Resurrection. We may regret the emphasis which is laid on the Easter parade, but so long as the Easter parade begins the day in the church, so long will we have hope for our troubled world. Easter Day may be followed by Low Sunday, lower in numbers and enthusiasm, and back to the old faithfuls, but Easter Day has given us a vision of what the Church might be, and the multitudes who, whilst not worshipping as regularly as we could wish, are not unmindful of, or indifferent to, the Gospel which the Church strives to preach.

Equally inspiring is the obvious trend to making Good Friday more sacred and less secular. For a long time many Christian communions laid great stress on the Victory of Easter Day, but were seemingly unmoved by the day of Christ's crucifixion, and their churches remained closed all day. Good Friday was for the Anglicans and the Romans. This year we were impressed by the number of churches which observed Good Friday, and held special services of meditation and prayer. We hope this trend will continue, for it is evidences of common understanding and interest such as this which make the best paving stones on the road to Church Unity. Every effort should be made to save the most sacred day of the year from the inroads of secularism.

Incidentally, Anglicans might also note this trend towards the proper observance of Good Friday, for there are many who observe it all too lightly. There is no real understanding of the true victory of Easter for those who have by-passed Good Friday. "For only he who bears the Cross may hope to wear the glorious crown."



DIOCESAN NEWS



The Rev. W. D. Ellway

The Rev. William Douglas Ellway with his wife and two small children arrived in Edgerton Monday morning, April 14th, and have moved into the rectory. They were met at the train by the Rev. F. E. Smith, Rector at Wainwright, and taken to Edgerton by car Tuesday.

The Venerable S. F. Tackaberry, Archdeacon of Edmonton South, under a mandate of the Bishop, inducted Mr. Ellway into the parish on Sunday, April 20th.

We give to Mr. Ellway and his family a hearty welcome to the diocese and look forward to an early opportunity to introduce him to our diocesan family.

The Rev. W. Brooks, B.A., L.Th.

The Rev. W. Brooks will assume his duties as incumbent of Sedgewick, with Killam and Hardisty, about the middle of May. His ordination has been arranged for St. Barnaba's Day, Wednesday, June 11th.

We give a very hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and daughter, and hope that their work in the diocese will be long and happy.

The Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, Sedgewick, are busy installing complete water system, which they hope will be completed before the arrival of Mr. Brooks. We congratulate them upon this plan for the comfort and convenience of their rector.

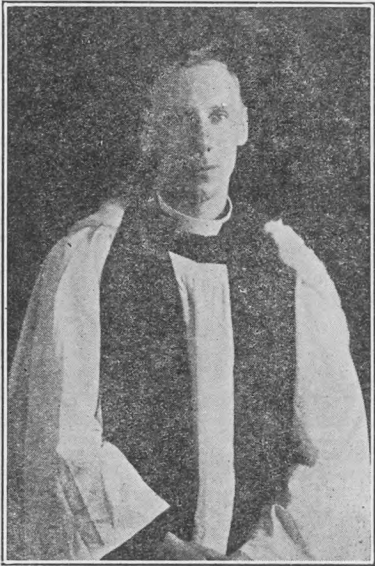
Mr. Howard Buchner, B.A., L.Th.

Mr. Howard Buchner will be ordained on Sunday morning, May 11th, in All Saints' Cathedral, and will take up his duties immediately as assistant to the Dean. Mr. Buchner is already well known in the diocese and has won a place in our hearts through his personal qualities and his devotion. I commend him to the prayers of the diocese.

Mrs. W. F. Barfoot

I desire on behalf of Mrs. Barfoot and myself to thank the whole diocese in the interest and concern and sympathy in her illness. I am glad to say Mrs. Barfoot will return home Saturday, April 19th, having made very good progress

Canon Hunt Accepts Call to East



THE REV. CANON W. DEV. ANGUS HUNT

The Reverend Canon W. deVere Angus Hunt, Rector of St. Catherine's Church, Edson, has resigned from his parish because of ill health and accepted an invitation to St. Patrick's Church, Guelph, in the Diocese of Niagara. His new duties commence in May.

The news of Canon and Mrs. Hunt's departure from this Diocese will be received with general regret. Canon Hunt has spent his whole ministry so far in this Diocese, first as a student, then later deacon and priest. He was ordained deacon at All Saints' in 1930 and priest at Holy Trinity, Edmonton, in 1931. His long service in his first parish of Mayerthorpe will be gratefully remembered, as well as his subsequent ministrations in

towards recovery. I ask that as far as possible telephone communication with the See House should be avoided, as it will be rather inconvenient to answer the telephone. Messages may be sent to the office between 9.00 and 5.00 each day and conveyed to Mrs. Barfoot. Naturally, in cases of emergency messages may be sent by telephone to the See House.

Jasper and Edson. He has been a long and faithful member of the Executive Committee and has represented the Diocese at both Provincial and General Synods.

Mrs. Hunt has also made a grand contribution to the life and work of the Church in the Diocese, and will be affectionately remembered for her ministry at Drayton Valley where, prior to her marriage, she served as a deaconess. Both Canon and Mrs. Hunt have been active in the summer school and camps at Kapasiwin.

The whole Diocese joins in wishing them "God-speed" in their new work, and pray that the health of Canon Hunt will be greatly improved. They will be much missed in this Diocese.

Delegates Leave For Provincial Synod

The Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province Rupert's Land will convene on Wednesday, April 23rd, at Winnipeg. The Most Rev. Ralph Sherman, Archbishop of Rupert's Land, will deliver his charge at the opening service in St. John's Cathedral. The Provincial House of Bishops will convene a day earlier.

The Bishop of Edmonton will attend, and our delegates to the Synod are: Clerical—The Rev. Canon A. Wallis, the Rev. W. T. Elkin, the Rev. R. S. Faulks and the Rev. L. M. Watts; Lay delegates: The Hon. Justice Ford, Mr. L. D. Byrne, Mr. L. Exham and Mr. R. T. Williams.

A full account of the proceedings of Provincial Synod will appear in the June issue of THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN.

CALENDAR MAY, 1947

- 1—St. Philip A. & M. and St. James A. & M.
- 4—4th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.
- 11—5th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER—ROGATION SUNDAY.
- 15—ASCENSION DAY.
- 18—SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY.
- 25—WHITSUNDAY.
- 26—MONDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK.
- 27—TUESDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK.

Council For Social Service

The newly constituted Council for Social Service held its first meeting on March 25th, when the following officers were elected:

Chairman, Rev. E. S. Ottley;
Vice-Chairman, Canon C. F. A. Clough;
Secretary, Rev. L. M. Watts;
Treasurer, Mr. R. P. Lefroy.

Among the items of business was the decision of the Council to assist in the improving of the campsite and buildings at Kapasiwin.

WANTED!

For The
Ponoka Church Teachers' Reference
Library

"History of the Hebrews", Ottley.

"The Old Church in the New Dominion," C. W. Vernon.

"The Catholic Religion," Staley.

"Who Moved the Stone?" Morrison.

Individuals having copies of these works which they would give or sell are asked to communicate with the Rev. F. A. Peake, St. Mary's Vicarage, Ponoka.

BIBLE QUIZ

1. How many sons had Adam?
2. What image did the Israelites set up in the wilderness?
3. What are the first four books of the New Testament called?
4. What day celebrates the Resurrection?
5. In whose tomb was Jesus Christ buried?
6. On what day of the week did the Resurrection occur?
7. Who rolled away the stone from the sepulchre?
8. What disciple was called the "doubter?"
9. How many days are there between the Resurrection and the Ascension?
10. Which two of Jesus' followers buried his body in the tomb?

(Answers on page 22)

Bishop Geddes' Death



THE RIGHT REVEREND
WALTER GEDDES, D.D.

The Right Rev. Walter Geddes, D.D., Bishop of the Yukon, passed away at Vancouver on April 16th. He had been unwell most of the winter, but as a result of improving health was hopeful of continuing his work in the Diocese of Yukon this summer.

The Bishop had been active in the missionary work of the North for twenty-seven years. He was appointed as missionary to the Eskimos at Herschel Island in Mackenzie Bay in 1920, and he remained there for eight years. In 1929 he was consecrated Bishop of Mackenzie River, one of the youngest bishops of the Church in charge of one of the world's largest dioceses, comprising more than 600,000 square miles of rugged, picturesque country.

He was the fourth Bishop of Mackenzie and the fourth Bishop of the Yukon, and made many of his long journeys by aeroplane in order to reach as many points as possible in the shortest time. He is survived by Mrs. Geddes and one son, David, aged 15, and one daughter, Ann, aged 10.

? Question Box ?

What About Our Posture in Church?

"We kneel for prayer; we stand for praise, and we sit for instruction." Worship should be an active experience for the worshippers. They are not meant to be mere spectators. "Getting up" and "sitting down" are not merely eccentricities of ours; but they are done with a purpose, and certain principles govern them. Kneeling is the attitude of humility and encourages the prayerful spirit. Sitting is the natural attitude for instruction. One is relaxed and at ease when seated; and one is better prepared to give undivided attention to what is being said or read. Praise is naturally expansive and invigorating, so we stand in order to use our bodies for his purpose to the best advantage.

What Governs the Shape of a Church?

In its simplest form the parish church consists of two parts. In the old days the eastern part of the church was separated from the nave by a screen made of lattice. This screen of lattice was called "cancelli," meaning "the lattices;" and from this word we have our word "chancel." The nave is the rectangular part of the church in which the people sit. It used to be likened to the deck of a ship; and so they called it the "nave," from the Latin "navis," a ship. Later, under the Norman influence the extreme east end of the chancel was pushed out in the form of an apse or a semi-circular recess, and this formed the sanctuary.

When the builder wished to allow for more room in church without lengthening the building he added "aisles" on each side. This word comes from the Latin "ala," meaning a "wing," and the device helped to form "transepts" at right angles to the nave. In this way the building became the form of a cross, and we call it "cruciform." Sometimes the architect deliberately made the chancel and sanctuary just "out of line" with the nave, as a symbol of our Lord's head inclined on the Cross. (A good example of this is still to be seen in the Priory Church at Bridlington in Yorkshire.) Later, as the demand arose there were added a tower, a porch, a vestry and perhaps a "Lady Chapel."

—(THE PARISH QUESTION BOX.)

Broadcasting

May 4—All Saints' -----CJCA
11—St. Faith's -----CFRN
18—Holy Trinity -----CJCA
June 1—Christ Church---CJCA





Woman's Auxiliary



Devotional Period of a W.A. Meeting

"You shall have what your faith expects." Matt. 9: 29.

A. 1. A:

1. The Devotional Period is not merely the official opening.
It is the most important part of our W.A. programme.
For from it, members may receive inspiration and strength to carry on the other very important parts of W.A. life.

B: Suggested Opening Service

1. Hymn. One might give a short talk on the hymn, its author, meaning, etc., before singing.
2. Bible Reading
 - (a) President may select the passage and read it. But the members might well take turns.
 - (b) Prepare a very short explanation of the passage to be read along with the Bible passage.
3. Prayers and Intercessions
 - (a) Commence with a prayer of penitence.
 - (b) Members' prayer and Lord's Prayer.
 - (c) Prayers for our mission fields, missionaries at home and abroad, for the Christian Church, our diocese, parish, branch, and ourselves (selection).
 - (d) All members should take part in leading these prayers.
 - (e) At every meeting pray for the prayer-partner, each member should have a copy of one prayer suitable for this, but the prayer-partner secretary should lead.

C: Alternative Forms of Devotion

- (1) Use the suggested form in the "Living Message"—Hymn, Bible Reading, Litany, Prayers.
- (2) Use the Litany in the "Fellowship of Prayer and Service."
- (3) Use, "When Ye Pray," especially in Girls' groups.
- (4) Use, "Acts of Devotion."
- (5) Use the litany in "Prayers New and Old."

D: At Close of Meeting

Select a prayer of dedication and have all members say it together, e.g.,

"Lord God, Thou hast loved us with an everlasting love. May we so love Thee that we dedicate our lives to witnessing for Thee, in Christ's Name. Amen."

E: Helps

- (1) "Whatsoever."
- (2) Prayers for present crisis.
- (3) Forward Day by Day.
- (4) The Upper Room.
- (5) Fellowship of Prayer and Service.
- (6) Acts of Devotion.
- (7) Bible Reading Fellowship.
- (8) Living Message.
- (9) The Book of Common Prayer.

Resolution Re Financing of Little Helpers, 1947 Annual

Resolution: "Whereas one method of financing the supplies necessary for all Little Helpers' branches is to take the required amount from the contents of the Mite Boxes; and

Whereas according to the prayer taught to all Little Helpers, the contents of their boxes are naturally designated for missionaries;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the parochial Afternoon and Evening branches pay for the purchase of all supplies procured by their Little Helpers' branches."

Cost of Supplies and Equipment for Little Helpers' Branch:

Leaflet No. 1—free, "What the Organization is."

Leaflet No. 2—free, "Practical Suggestions for Officers."

Membership card when enrolled—
1½c each.

The Mite Box—4c each.

Birthday Anniversary Cards—25c doz.

Roll for names of Little Helpers, 25c ea.
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Invitation cards—1¼c each.

Promotion cards to be given when a child passes into the Primary Sunday School and the J.W.A. or C.B.L.

Prayer cards, letter to parents, forms of service for the Rally.

The Regional Girls' Workers

Miss Stewart has spent the months of February and March in this Diocese. During the first two weeks she visited as many groups in the city as were having

regular meetings and also attended Synod and the W.A. Annual.

On Feb. 17th directly following the Annual she began visitations to the Deanery groups at Onoway, Barrhead, Drayton Valley, Clandonald, Vermilion, Mannville, Vegreville, Jasper, Edson, Seba Beach, Camrose, Edgerton, Wainwright and Bon Accord. Besides she was able to pay a return visit to several city groups.

Miss Stewart has given cheerful service and all reports indicate a hearty welcome and grateful thanks for her help, and express regret that time will not permit more visits. She comes again during the first half of August to assist with the Girls' Camp, which was advertised in the March issue under D.B.R.E. news.

Appeal for More Bandages

From several airmail letters received recently from Miss Kelsey comes the information that we need no longer send bandages to Honan for use in St. Paul's Hospital. A generous supply of parcels has reached her and with care these should see them through the next year. The postage from Shanghai has been extremely heavy, as well as the duty imposed by the Chinese Government, and added to the fantastic inflation, these have meant a very heavy expenditure of the Mission's funds.

Miss Kelsey expresses her gratitude not only for the bandages but for the loving service that the women have rolled into these and the sacrifice which in some cases was necessary to meet the postage on these parcels.

Two hospitals in our Kangra Mission in India have appealed to Canon Wilkinson for much-needed bandages. Regulations governing these parcels should be obtained through your local Postal authorities, and the addresses are:

For Palampur: Dr. Helen Hanson,
St. Luke's Hospital, Palampur,
District of Kangra, Punjab, India.

For Kangra: Maple Leaf Hospital,
Kangra, District of Kangra,
Punjab, India.

Any bandages on hand which were intended for Honan could be sent on to either hospital in India.

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The Anglican Young People's Association



Council Activities

An executive meeting was held on March 26th at the home of the president, Miss Grace Wilson. Activities for the coming month were outlined. Between the dates April 14th to April 18th inclusive, whist drives are to be held by the various branches to raise funds for the candidate to the Oslo Conference, to be held this summer. Prizes are to be given to the lady and gentleman with the highest scores.

Plans were also made concerning the A.Y.P.A. Conference, to be held on May 31st and June 1st. There is to be a banquet and dance at the Masonic Temple on May 31st, and services at different churches on June 1st.

Over the May 24th weekend a work party is going to the Kapasiwin camp, to make some repairs, and to get things ready for the summer.

On March 30th the A.Y. Corporate Communion was held at All Saints' Cathedral. Breakfast was served afterwards at the Royal George Cafe.

Branch Activities St. Peter's

We had a very entertaining fellowship evening this month, with St. Luke's and Christ Church A.Y.'s as our guests. Films were shown during the evening.

Dr. Stone of the Indian School came and spoke to us on the Indian Schools in Canada. He showed us many beautiful articles which were made by the Indian women at these schools.

St. Faith's

On March 25th we had Sister Isobel as our guest. She gave us a very interesting talk on the work of the Sisters of St. John, in Canada. On March 23rd we had our corporate communion. On March 28th a congregational social evening was held in the parish hall.

On April 1st we had our business meeting. April 8th is to be work night and on April 15th for edification we will have a discussion on the book, "The Parish Question Box." On April 22nd, if the weather permits, we will have a "scavenger hunt."

Kapasiwin

Who looks after the property and arranges the various camps? This is the business of the D.B.R.E., that is the Diocesan Board of Religious Education. The Board is set up by the Synod, which elects to it four clergy and four laymen. In addition, there are representatives from the W.A., A.Y.P.A., and Scouts. The purpose of the Board is to set forward the religious education of the youth and children, and of the adults! This means putting into effect, so far as possible, all worthwhile ways that will facilitate the growth and understanding of Christian character. Summer camps provide an excellent and widely used opportunity for the Church to make a reality of the presence of God, and a better understanding of Christian living. For a few days the leaders and campers are together as a community of Christian people, able to enjoy particularly their part in the Kingdom of God, a company of people governed by Him.



When the Synod considered this particular part of the work of the D.B.R.E., and heard of the needed improvements at the campsite, it was all in favour of raising a large sum to accomplish the improvements outlined so ably by Canon Hatfield. The D.B.R.E. has been authorized to appeal to the Diocese for the required amount this year. The objective is \$2,000. How about being a "Friend of Kapasiwin" and sending a contribution right away! Your Board feels that there must be a host of folks who would like to be in on this cause, and not least among them the many who have enjoyed a season at Kapasiwin, and we do hope that every Sunday School will lend a hand, as well as other groups who have been there. Wherever groups of women want to help out on the "home front," they will realize that here is a worthy cause. Men, do your bit to put this matter over the top! It had

a priority of interest at the Synod, as any lay delegate will testify. And this summer come out and see what the place is like and see what is being done in this important section of the Church's work.

Contributions may be sent to the secretary, the Rev. R. S. Faulks, 12209 111th Avenue; and should be marked: "Kapasiwin Fund." Receipts will be sent.

W.A. Page continued from page 7 From Ft. Vermilion, Canada, to Honan, China

In the December issue the W.A. Page copied an advertisement to the effect that Miss Grace Gibbard wished to obtain a concertina to take with her on her return to China.

Mrs. W. G. White of St. Faith's Parish, happened to enclose that copy of THE CHURCHMAN in a bundle of magazines which she was mailing to her daughter, Mrs. Estelle Hill, of the Athabasca Diocese. Now Mrs. Hill had a concertina. It belonged to her aunt, Miss Mary White, who had used it years ago when there was a school at Fort Vermilion. Miss White and her sister retired to their home in England a few years ago, after spending several years in the Canadian North West.

There is an interesting piece of service to relate in connection with the White family. Canon W. G. and Rev. C. D. with their wives and the two Misses White spent a total of 195 years serving the Church at Lesser Slave, Whitefish and Fort Vermilion.

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Bishop McLean of Saskatchewan returned to Canada after his consecration in 1874, by way of Montreal. There he met with the Provincial Synod of Canada, then in session, and appealed for two clergymen to go to his Diocese of Saskatchewan as missionaries. One of these who answered to his appeal was the Reverend William Newton, who was already a missionary in the Muskoka district of the then newly-formed Diocese of Algoma, where he had established the Rosseau Mission and built a church; it was finally arranged that he should go to Edmonton as a missionary supported by the S.P.G.

There was little at Edmonton in 1875 except the Hudson Bay Company Post, and there seems to have been a rather curious mixture of importance and isolation about this. Fort Edmonton was originally established about 1795, being one of the forts built by William Tomison, the "Inland Chief" of the Hudson's Bay Company, under whose direction during the twenty years at the turn of the eighteenth century a considerable expansion programme was undertaken by the "honourable company" in order to defeat the old North-West Company and other free-traders in the fur trade. In time, this fort grew to be more than a trading post. York boats were built there, pemmican was packed there in leather sacks for the Mountain and MacKenzie River brigades, and it was noted for growing wheat, barley and vegetables; for years it was the most important post in the whole Saskatchewan District, and flourished under the colourful personality of John Rowand. It always seems curious that the Church of England should have disregarded Edmonton as a centre until so late a date as 1875, when for more than fifteen years previously it had extended its work down the Mackenzie River as far as Fort McPherson and the Yukon, but it may have been due to the nature of the Indians in the more Northern District, who were more tractable and of a less roving disposition than the fierce tribes of the southern prairies.

Towards Edmonton in the spring of 1875 Mr. Newton turned with resolution and fortitude. In a little book, entitled "Twenty Years on the Saskatchewan,"

which was published in England in 1897, he has left a most interesting record of his journey there and later experiences. It is a remarkable book for three things: the little he says about himself personally, his out-spoken comments upon the life of the country in his day, and his fearless criticism of the Hudson's Bay Company, particularly respecting its final settlement with the Dominion Government. Mr. Newton spent a large part of the winter of 1874-75 in trying to get information as to how to reach Edmonton, but got little help, even from a large map published by what he calls the "General Government of Canada," which indeed marked the Hudson's Bay Company posts and gave some idea of the distances between them, but avoided further details by printing names of Indian tribes on the intervening spaces. However, he set out convinced that while the way was by no means plain, it was a way of faith, and so arrived at Collingwood, Ontario, with a favourite horse, a light buckboard, and an English orphan boy as his servant and companion. Here, while waiting for the ice to break, he was hospitably entertained by the rector, Dr. Lett. By boat, he reached what is now Port Arthur, on a Sunday morning, and being unable to find any accommodation, was forced to purchase a tent, which he pitched on the shore of the bay, and buy fodder for his horse. In spite of this he got to church at eleven o'clock, took part of the service and preached at the evening service. From Port Arthur Mr. Newton started out on the Dawson Trail, which he had been told back in Ontario was a very convenient and expeditious road. But this did not prove to be the case; there were endless delays. The road was not ready; there was confusion everywhere; the transit boats on the innumerable lakes were inefficient.

He says, "Everything we had, even the buckboard, had to be taken to pieces and put together several times a day." He got some considerable help, however, from some government surveyors, particularly one gentleman from Ottawa, who used to tease him by pretending to be an outrageous skeptic, but who, nevertheless, allowed daily prayers in his tent and was always ready to help find a room for a

Sunday service. Eventually he reached the prairies and Winnipeg.

Mr. Newton was favourably impressed with the Manitoba prairie, but not with the Winnipeg of the day, which seemed to him to have too many "grog shops" on the chief street; moreover, some of the business men were a little too smart and two of the horses which he purchased had to be abandoned later on as useless. At last (in the first week of July) he was able to take up his tent, which he had pitched outside Old Fort Garry, and start for the West, not only with his buckboard but also a Red River cart loaded with an abundance of provisions, for it was suggested to him that he might not be able to procure them in Edmonton, and by the time he got there winter would be at hand. One gathers that he did not follow the custom of the day and travel with a party, but struck out by himself, for he complains of straying horses and the Red River cart breaking down, of hills which were too steep for the horses to draw up the loads, and remarks on help being received under these circumstances from chance passers-by, who would "tie the load to the horse's tail, without any harness, and so pull the load up the hill in the most absurd, yet effective, manner." Approaching Fort Carlton, serious disaster nearly overtook him. He was riding on the shaft of the Red River cart when his horse took fright, began to kick and then run away. Alarmed lest he should be thrown against the spikes of some tent poles, he extracted himself by quietly slipping down from the shaft and allowing the wheel of the cart to pass over his thigh bones.

South of Fort Pitt Mr. Newton had his first experience with the Indians, who were at that time beginning to be perturbed over the advancement of settlement. Messengers from a band of Crees investigated the camp with a view to opposing his passing through their country. Mr. Newton therefore wrote a respectful letter to their chief, explaining who he was and that "the great chiefs of the English Church had sent me to teach the people around Edmonton the way of the true Christian religion and of course I must go on my journey and do what I had been sent to do." "However, all turned out well in the end, for the Indians were invited to hold a conference, and when they were seated in circles around the spot reserved for the missionary, he appeared in formal manner, arrayed in all possible finery, and first gravely distributed plugs of tobacco to all who were seated in the

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I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church

By THE REV. F. A. PEAKE, L.Th., M.R.S.L.

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The Church in the Thirteenth Century

When King John died shortly after Magna Carta in 1216 the emissaries of the bishop of Rome took prompt and energetic measures to secure the accession of the Plantaganet succession—for obvious reasons. Henry III at this time was a little boy of nine, and was placed under the guardianship of a regent, William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke. Successive popes, through their legates, took advantage of the situation to gain a stranglehold upon the secular and ecclesiastic life of Britain. The child was hurriedly crowned on October 28th, 1216, in Gloucester Cathedral by Cardinal Gualo, the papal legate, who thereafter proceeded to bleed the country by his exactions. He and his successors controlled the ordinary course of government, directed foreign politics, and continually brought the spiritual power of the papacy to bear on the affairs of the country. Through them the pope acted as guardian of the young king and ruler of the kingdom.

The Return and Death of Archbishop Langton

A few years later (in 1220) Stephen Langton returned and so far re-asserted his authority as Archbishop of Canterbury that the child king was subjected to a second coronation on Whitsunday (May 17th) of that year, this time by the Archbishop. Langton also secured the removal of papal legates.

Henry himself never grew up to the matured wisdom of real manhood. He seems to have been a person of cultivated and refined tastes, but as a monarch he was wholly incompetent. Such ideas as he had were fantastic and wholly futile. Hence, when he declared himself to be of age in 1227 the national cause was in no way strengthened. The death of Archbishop Langton in the following year further weakened the situation.

Papal Exactions

King and pope alike fleeced the country unmercifully, the former for his foolish military excursions, and the latter for his continued wars against the alleged heretic, the Emperor Frederick II. Papal demands came in many guises. Peter's Pence, to

which reference has already been made in these articles, continued to be paid and, in addition, the thousand marks promised as annual tribute by King John. As if these were not enough the pope proceeded to demand subsidies in the form of grants from cathedral and monastic revenues, but these the clergy refused. Another device for raising money was that of "provisions." In defiance of the rights of patrons the pope nominated or "provided" candidates for English benefices. The candidates, generally Italians, had paid the pope handsomely for the nomination and, almost needless to say, never came near their cures. At best starveling vicars were found to do the work while the revenues flowed abroad. Even at this point the exactions did not stop. Numerous other devices were employed until in 1231 a secret society was formed under the leadership of Sir Robert Twenge (who assumed the name of William Wither) for the expulsion of foreign ecclesiastics. Bands of armed and masked knights burst open the granaries of the absentee Italian clergy, distributed the grain among the people, and, when they chanced to meet them, beat the foreigners on the highways.

Expulsion of the Papal Legate

In 1245 the barons felt that the limit of their endurance had been reached and they sent to Martin, the papal legate, a curt order to leave England. The legate, fearful but angry, turned to the King from whom he hoped that he might receive help. "For the love of God and the reverence of my lord the Pope, give me a safe conduct," he said. "The devil give you a safe-conduct to hell, and all through it," was the only reply he received from Henry. Martin was, however, given an attendant to escort him to Dover. In the course of their journey the two men came upon a group of people gathered at the side of a wood. Martin, now thoroughly frightened, made many rash promises to his attendant if only he would save him from their wrath. The attendant approached the group and found that they were engaged in the harmless business of negotiating a sale of timber. Returning quickly to Martin he told him that the

men were with difficulty restrained from tearing him to pieces, and urged him to hurry, and in the event of his escape, never to come near the country again.

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The Church of England in Western Canada

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nearest circles." The conference agreed that it was not reasonable to ask Mr. Newton to return East, and concluded to accept him as a friend and brother and give him all the help they could, a good feeling which was maintained throughout the vicissitudes of twenty years.

After three weeks at Fort Carlton, he journeyed west to Battle River, north to Buffalo Lake, and then hit the trail leading from the Bow River to Edmonton, which he reached on the 28th day of September, 1875, after a strenuous five months' journey.

In 1875 nearly all the residents at Edmonton were servants of the Hudson's Bay Company. Mr. Newton writes, "At first, on looking around me, I asked myself what I was to do. I was far from civilization, and with only one or two posts in the year to bring me letters. I had at hand a tent, a surplice, a Prayer Book and a Bible. There was no parsonage, no church, nor any means for building either. I had been sent as a missionary to the settlers, but where were they?" For a few days he received kindly hospitality at the Fort, and then removed into a log building, which was partly finished, which he used both as a residence and a church. From the first, a few persons attended the services. Hudson's Bay Co. officers were glad to renew old church associations as they passed to other forts. Surveyors and Mounted Police were offered frequent services; children were collected for instruction; the Indian tents were visited and the banner of the Church was unfurled over a new, vast and hitherto unoccupied region. Twenty years later Mr. Newton was able to write, "I am thankful that the honour fell on me of being the pioneer missionary of what is now an extensive diocese."

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News from Here and There

New York, N.Y.

A film to recruit men for the Christian ministry is one of the seven slated for production by the Protestant Film Commission during 1947. Designed for 16mm. distribution to the churches, it may later be expanded and remade in Hollywood as a Protestant "Going My Way," according to Paul F. Heard, executive secretary of the interdenominational agency.

New York, N.Y.

"The Churchman," one of the Episcopal Church's journals in the United States, has inaugurated a series of "Sermons of the Week," broadcast over WOR each Sunday at 9.15 a.m. Any clergyman may enter a sermon to be considered for use on the series, provided it deals with the matter of good-will and better understanding among the peoples of the world. Further, no sermon can be submitted until it has been preached before a congregation. The resulting entries from many hitherto obscure clergymen have revealed an amazing grasp of the relation of Christianity to the problem of good-will among the nations. The sermons are read over the air by outstanding men, such as Fiorello La Guardia, former Mayor of New York; Frederic Marsh, moving picture star.

Cincinnati:

A plan of reunion between the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) was approved here by unanimous vote of their separate re-union negotiating groups. The procedure completed, the new United Church—"The Presbyterian Church of the United States"—will be ready to hold its first General Assembly in 1950.

London, England:

A gift of \$45,000 has been received by the central board of finance of the Church of England to assist restoration of the bombed churches of Britain, from the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada. This sum swells the present money held by the board for this purpose to more than £23,000 (92,000)—a total which has been subscribed entirely by church benefactors overseas.

Westboro, Ontario

Giving up butter for Lent, the congregation of All Saints' Church, Westboro, donated their butter coupons and money to send their butter to Britain. Ration Board officials put their stamp of approval

on the scheme and gave permission for coupons to be donated from ration books.

Winnipeg, Manitoba:

Eight to nine hundred daily was the average attendance during Lent at the Holy Trinity noon-hour services in Winnipeg. This year's attendance far surpasses that of all other years. The preachers this year were: Archbishop Sherman, the Primate; Canon N. R. Burke of Ottawa; Dean F. H. Smye of Calgary; Dr. J. R. P. Sclater, former Moderator of United Church; Archdeacon Gower-Rees of Montreal, and Bishop Renison of Moosonee.

NO CRITICISM OF THE CHURCH

"It is common for the world to appropriate what the Church, in fulfilment of her divine redemptive mission, has initiated in the cause of redeeming society and promoting the Kingdom of God. It was not the state but the Church which first invaded the slums and worked for their abolition. It was the Church, not the state, which first undertook the education of the young. It was the Church which inaugurated hospitals for rich and poor—a work that the state only entered at long last. All such enterprises are now accepted as commonplace obligations of society as a whole, if not of the state itself. And one thing which mere state organization can never give is the affection without which hospital treatment, education, rehousing, care of waifs, are cold and only in part effective. It needs the Church to preach and keep alive the love of God. Without that the complementary duty of the love of one's neighbour cannot adequately be maintained. It is only the Fatherhood of God that gives meaning and sanction to the brotherhood of men."—Editorial in a London newspaper.

Scouting and Guiding and the Church

There was a time when the Scout and Guide Movements were regarded as organizations, separate and distinct from the Church. As a matter of fact, they are not, in the ordinary sense, organizations; they are Movements—frameworks of certain principles common to all religious communions, and which any communion may fill out with its own distinctive tenets and practices.

That Scouting and Guiding are fundamentally religious was repeatedly emphasized by their founder, the late Lord Baden-Powell. The first promise of every Scout and Guide is "to do my best to do my duty to God."

The purpose of these two movements is to provide character training for boys and girls which still supplement the influence of the home, the church and the school, turning youthful enthusiasm and leisure time activity to good account. Broadly, the definite value of Scouting and Guiding to the Church is its help in solving the problem of holding the older boys and girls in the Church and Sunday School. More definitely, their value is in their effectiveness in interpreting religion to the average boy and girl in concrete terms of "doing," preventing the development of the attitude that to be religious is somehow to be lacking in character.

Scouting and Guiding, to achieve the best results, require the support of the adults of the community. This, in the majority of cases, is given through the churches, which sponsor groups of Scouts and Guides as part of their programme for the boys and girls of their congregations.

The benefits of Scouting and Guiding are available to every boy and girl who desire to join. Where numbers are insufficient to form a Scout Troop or a Guide Company, they may become Lone Scouts or Guides, being helped in their work through correspondence.

Provincial headquarters of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Associations are located at 10152 102nd Street, Edmonton, and enquiries regarding these two movements should be directed to that address.

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The congregation for mid-week services during Lent were well maintained throughout, and we would again express our thanks and appreciation to the Bishop for the very helpful addresses given to us on "What We Believe About the Church." Services during Holy Week were also very well attended, particularly on Good Friday. We are grateful to the Rev. E. S. Ottley for the Three Hours Meditations, which were most inspirational.

For the first time many years the choir presented a cantata on Good Friday evening, without any outside assistance, and they are to be congratulated on the most beautiful rendering of Percy Fletcher's "Passion of Christ."

As usual, Easter Sunday services were crowded, and again we regret that no one was able to get into the church after 10.45 on Easter Sunday morning. We hope one day, with a larger church, to be able to accommodate all who come. It was a further pleasure, and particular privilege, to be able to broadcast the service this year from All Saints', and we were very conscious of the congregation at Seba Beach, who had assembled in their church and, by the help of radio, were able to share in our service throughout. They were kind enough to send us a letter of appreciation, and we would like to say that all broadcasting churches would appreciate letters sent in from listeners.

On Monday, April 28th, we are planning a congregational social in the parish hall at 8.30 p.m., to mark the occasion of the payment of the last of our debts.

On Sunday, May 11th, Mr. Howard Buchner will be ordained deacon at the 11 o'clock service, and after a brief holiday will assume his duties as assistant to the Rector. We are very glad to welcome Mr. Buchner, as he is an old friend to many within the congregation, and he comes to us with excellent recommendations from Trinity College, Toronto.

Our Confirmation is again being held on the evening of Ascension Day, May 15th, and we hope that the congregation will turn out in good strength to give their support to the candidates.

The Woman's Auxiliary report that owing to the death of our Primate, the tea which was to have been held by Mrs. Allbright's group had to be postponed for the time being, a date to be announced later.

The miscellaneous sale, under the auspices of the Evening Group, held in the market, was quite a success, and our thanks to all who made home-cooking. Members are busy sewing and knitting for the Bazaar, to be held in November. The Cathedral Evening Group are holding a Spring Tea Saturday, May 3rd, in the Empire Room of the Hudson's Bay Co. Among those receiving will be Mrs. A. M. Trendall, Mrs. Frank Ford, Mrs. C. E. Ross and Mrs. J. A. M. Hamilton, leader of the Group. There will be a home-cooking stall and also a booth featuring the sale of aprons, dresses, knitted articles and fancy work.

CHRIST CHURCH

THE REV. E. S. OTTLEY

Large congregations on Easter Day climaxed the services of the past month. The church was filled to overflowing on Easter Sunday morning, and in the evening we were happy to see such a large number of our people present. One of the highlights of the morning service was the singing of the "Cherry Tree Carol" by the children's choir.

Palm Sunday evening we welcomed a large congregation at the showing of the film "King of Kings." Though this picture is now some twenty-five years old, it still draws people with its gripping portrayal of the life of our Lord.

It was a great pleasure to have the Rev. Canon W. M. Nainby conducting the Three Hours' Service on Good Friday. Many were the comments of appreciation of the addresses on the Seven Words. On Good Friday evening the choir presented Thiman's "The Last Supper," the solo parts being sung by Mrs. T. W. Foster and Mr. K. Taylor. It was a most excellent performance.

On March 21st eleven adults were confirmed at a special service in the church. We welcome them most heartily into the fellowship of the Church.

The W.A. are to have Mrs. L. D. Moore speak to them at their next meeting, her topic being the final chapters of the study-book, "India." They are also preparing to hold a rummage sale on April 24th. For some time now several of the W.A. members have felt that they would like to have a service of prayer and Mr. Ottley has set Tuesday, April 15th, for this occasion, when a special service will be held in the church.

Monday, April 14th, the Young Women's Club entertained the W.A. and the Evening Group in the parish hall, when pictures on the Imperial Oil were shown, following which refreshments were served.

The A.Y.P.A. together with other city branches met in All Saints' Church, Palm Sunday, for corporate communion which was followed by breakfast. During the month our young people had the pleasure of a talk on "Photography," by Mr. L. Corness of St. Peter's. Sister Isabel also spoke to them, telling of her work at St. John's House and Elizabeth House. Canon Hatfield of St. Luke's also addressed them on his work and experiences in missionary work in Africa.

The choir, as usual, did much to make our Good Friday and Easter services the services of happiness. As has become the practice these past three years a fully Choral Communion Service was held at 8.30 a.m. Easter morning, following which the choir had breakfast in the parish hall, which was served by Mrs. D. W. F. Richardson and Mrs. Kilgour. A "Men's Tea" is to be the event on May 3rd, details of which are now being planned.

Again the 25th Scout Troop has been honored—a really outstanding honor this time and one which says much for the leadership the troop has—one of our King Scouts, Herman Braams, has been chosen

to represent Alberta at the World Jamboree for Scouts, to be held in France in August.

On Friday, April 11th, the Troop held its annual "Father and Son" banquet in the parish hall, when 85 sat down to an excellent supper prepared by the Scout Mothers. Sgt. Muir of the R.C.M.P. showed pictures following the supper. Early in April the Cubs held a "going-up" ceremony, when eight lads went into Scouts. Parents of the boys were invited to attend this ceremony, which really means so much to a Cub.

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CANON W. M. NAINBY

Good Friday and Easter: Good Friday services were well attended. Over a hundred attended the Children's Service, at which Mr. J. Smith kindly gave the address. The Three Hours' Service was very well attended, and we are most grateful to the Dean for his series of addresses on the "Words from the Cross." On Good Friday evening the choir sang the sacred cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," to a large and appreciative congregation. Mrs. T. H. Mackie, Mr. W. Townend and Mr. J. A. White sang the solo parts, and are deserving of our highest praise.

On Easter Day there were record congregations, and the church and adjoining rooms were filled for the 11 a.m. service. We are grateful to the Bishop for celebrating at the choral communion at 8.30 a.m. The offering was the largest Easter offering on record.

Confirmation: A class of fifteen adults was presented for confirmation on March 31st. A reception was held afterwards in the rectory. The Junior Confirmation is to be held on June 8th.

Parish Hall: A new and improved design for the proposed hall has been prepared through the kindness of Mr. Tye. A congregational meeting has been called for May 9th and everyone is asked to attend.

Men's Club: The picture, "The True Glory," was shown at the last meeting, members of the congregation having also been invited.

W.A.: The Spring Tea was a great success. The G.A. were special guests of the W.A. The W.A. also entertained the J.W.A. to a supper recently, when badges were presented.

Parish Guild: A Tea is to be held at the home of Mrs. Tye, on Wednesday, April 23rd. The monthly meeting is to be at Mrs. Proctor's home, on April 28th.

Young Women's Fellowship: A moving picture evening will take place on Wednesday, May 7th., and the congregation are invited. The annual rummage sale will be held May 29th and donations from the congregation will be welcomed.

Mothers' Union: The M.U. held a social evening at the home of Mrs. Young recently.

Young Married Couples: The club continues its meetings fortnightly, and entertained the choir to refreshments after the cantata.

Young People's: An experiment of a Sunday supper was made on April 13th and seventy young people attended. We also had the Bishop as our guest, as well as the Rector and Mrs. Nainby.

Wolf Cubs: The annual dinner was held on April 15th, with sixty-five Cubs present as well as a number of guests. Our congratulations to all who made this evening such a success.

Sunday School: Several children took part in the recent W.C.T.U. contest, and we congratulate Joan Mansfield on winning the Bronze Medal.

ST. FAITH'S

THE REV. L. M. WATTS

The Good Friday and Easter services were all well attended. The Three Hour Service on Good Friday was conducted by the Rector, also the 7.30 and 8.30 a.m. communion services on Easter Day. At the eleven o'clock service, when the church was crowded to capacity, he was assisted by the Bishop. The church had been beautifully decorated by the Sanctuary Guild.

On Sunday, March 30th, instead of the regular lessons, the Sunday School classes were shown a set of slides on "The Life of Christ." On Good Friday the children attended the 10 a.m. service, conducted by Mr. E. Currey.

The Sanctuary Guild's annual Tea, held April 9th in the parish hall, was most successful.

Afternoon Group W.A. members are busy with plans for their tea and sale of home cooking and fancy work, to be held Friday, May 30th, from 3 to 5 in the Empire Room, Hudson's Bay Store. This is a new venture, and you are asked to keep the date in mind, and drop in for a cup of tea while doing your week-end shopping. The Honor Roll is back from the engravers; W.A. members are quite pleased with the result. It is now being framed by Mr. A. Pirie.

The Evening Group W.A. are looking forward to the April 16th meeting, when Mrs. H. Gutteridge, Diocesan Secretary, will speak to them on her work in connection with the brides of service men. Mrs. R. Barson will give a paper on the second chapter of the study book. The rummage sale will be held early in June in the Social Credit Hall. A few minutes at each business meeting is being taken for study of sections of "The Parish Question Box."

Little Helpers' Rally will be held May 21st, with the service in the church starting at 3 p.m. A party for the children and their mothers will be held in the hall afterwards; Mrs. Neely, Diocesan Little Helpers' Secretary, will attend.

The Church Boys' League now has sixteen members. Mrs. Hutt is gradually getting wanted supplies and the work is beginning to take on form. Membership cards are to be presented at the meeting April 17th, with a party to follow the ceremony. This group is for boys between the ages of seven and twelve. Club meetings are held every Thursday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. in the parish hall. Any boy wishing to join is invited to come at that time.

Junior Girls are working hard in order to pass tests for stripes and badges. Work on Festival entries is much in evidence and Junior quilt is coming along nicely. Miss Douglas reports several new members. Juniors meet Wednesday afternoons at 4.30 p.m. in the parish hall.

The Girls' Auxiliary members are also working hard on entries for the Festival, and plans to have speakers at their meetings have had to be postponed. A recent meeting was held at Miss Pryor's home, where they learned how to make plaster of paris molds. The girls are making plaques and other articles to be sold at their miscellaneous bazaar next fall.

The Wednesday Evening Group entertained St. Mark's Young People at a party on March 26th. From all accounts a good time was had.

General: The date for confirmation has been set for Thursday, May 22nd, at 8 p.m. in the church.

The Congregational Party held March 28th was an unqualified success, under the convenship of Mr. E. Currey and Miss E. Smith. After a program of songs, recitations, movies and community singing,

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supper was served. The following artists took part: Mrs. R. Barson, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Hurd, Mr. Ted Swartz and Mr. Tony Mason. Miss Ethel Smith was the accompanist.

Mr. Sadd, chairman of the "Dime-a-Week" Club, reported to the Vestry that all lists had been mailed out to captains of teams, and that canvassing would start immediately. Several more captains are required, and anyone willing to undertake this work is asked to get in touch with Mr. Sadd—phone 72140.

The envelope secretary reported an increase in the number of subscribers, and the Easter offering was up to years past, in spite of not sending special envelopes to regular subscribers.

The entrance porch has had a fresh coat of paint and the woodwork varnished. This made the church much brighter for the Easter services.

ST. JOHN'S

THE REV. W. E. HARRISON

Before another issue of THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN is printed we hope to have started work on the second phase of our church building. This will mean, that during the course of construction we will again be put to some inconvenience through lack of adequate accommodation. However we plan to use the east end of the church for services, housing part of the congregation in the vestry.

We are all most grateful to Canon C. F. A. Clough for his kindly help and assistance during the rector's illness. Canon Clough is always a welcome visitor at St. John's. The Three Hour Service, which he conducted on Good Friday, was most inspiring and will long be remembered by those who were present.

We were glad to welcome again to our early service on Palm Sunday the members of the University Canterbury Club. Some seventy-six students stayed to breakfast in the parish hall, following the service. It was a grand climax to their activities for the year. But we are looking forward to having the club visit us on many more occasions. There will always be a warm welcome for them at St. John's.

Easter Day saw large congregations at all services. The children's service in the afternoon was a special event, when children and parents together attended. The Junior Choir sang an Easter carol, in which individual parts were taken by Helen Glyde, Marlene Hughes, Barbara Beddome, Jon Newall and Henry Glyde.

A parish social and whist drive was held on April 11th in the parish hall, in aid of the building fund. The evening proved a great success and those who helped so much in this regard are certainly to be commended for their efforts.

Baptisms: The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, April 7th; the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Thompson, April 13th.

ST. LUKE'S

CANON W. H. HATFIELD

Easter tide has once again brought its joyful promise of victory over death. The long winter is over and spring is at hand—already a reality in the province to the west. The beauty of the coast in spring-

time was abundantly evidenced in the church on Easter morning. Quantities of lovely wild lilies and glorious daffodils, the gift of the Shearing and Wills families, spoke of the resurrection in nature and of the love that continues in the hearts of these old friends. The Lenten poster was in place and the address at the Children's Service was based on the thought of an electric light bulb—a thing of beauty in its symmetrical fashioning but useless without connection to power. Our bodies are beautiful in their fashioning but without the Power of Christ within, are useless to His Kingdom, and power is obtainable only through Prayer and Sacrifice—the bands that held us during Lent to the mission fields of China, India and the Arctic. The bulb was then connected to a hidden wire—the children were much intrigued with the resultant light. The presentation of Lenten boxes brought to a climax the effort made during Lent and the contents were proof that the teaching had been received and acted upon. The parish took its part with gratifying results in the campaign for the "Aid to China" fund.

On Palm Sunday the church was effectively decorated with palms. Palm crosses, made by the Evening Stars Girls' Group, were distributed to the congregation and to the children of the Sunday School.

The Confirmation Service has been arranged for June 12th (Thursday). Candidates will be examined by the Bishop on Monday, May 26th. Members of the congregation are invited to attend the examination.

The congregational Tea and Sale of aprons on April 11th was quite successful and a goodly sum added to the maintenance fund.

The A.Y.P.A. are particularly active in renovating the kitchen of the parish hall and in the rebuilding of the rockery in the church grounds.

ST. MARK'S

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

The Easter services of our church were well attended, exemplifying the joyousness of our Lord's resurrection. This is the first year we have been able to have three services on Easter Sunday, and it was very gratifying to see so many people in attendance.

Our organist and choir director, Miss E. J. Corlett, has found it necessary to resign, and until a permanent appointment is made, Miss Mary Coles will carry on the duties. Recently a surprise party was held for Miss Corlett, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hawkins. She was presented with a very beautiful initialed brief case, from the members of the choir and A.Y.P.A.

On Friday, April 18th, the Cubs held a "council fire" in the parish hall. Many of the boys were proudly presented with their service badges. It was encouraging to see so many parents in attendance. The Cubs won fifth place in the city-wide First Aid contest.

The A.Y.P.A. had a very enjoyable evening as guests of St. Faith's young members. They were able to reciprocate

the honor, at a planned social evening on Wednesday, April 16th.

The W.A. have undertaken the task of having the hall painted.

At a public baptism the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. MacNeil was christened James Roy.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The Easter festival was a very happy one for us. We are grateful to the Bishop for being the celebrant at our Holy Communion on Easter Day. The church, which had been thoroughly spring cleaned by the ladies during the previous week, was well filled for the service.

An Easter tea and sale at the home of Mrs. Byers was held on the Wednesday after Easter. The ladies are to be congratulated on the success of this happy event. It was a part of the advance of our advancing Church.

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ST. PETER'S AND GOOD SHEPHERD

THE REV. R. S. FAULKES

First of all, something to think over this Easter season, and quoted from a sermon from across the seas: "The Resurrection, for St. Paul, implied something of incomparable significance for every man here and now, in this life and in this earthly citizenship, no less than in that which is to come. The true inference from the Resurrection is much more profound than a simple message about the morning of joy following the night of sorrow, or about the sure and certain hope of the life beyond the grave. All this, of course, is involved in it; but it isn't the first or the principal concern. Then if not, what is? The words of St. Paul supply the answer: 'That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings . . . if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.' There are two supremely important issues here.

The first is the phrase "the power of the resurrection." The POWER! What Easter Day proved to the disciples, to Paul and to Christians ever since, was not something about ourselves, but something about God. It demonstrated His mighty power. It is the Power and Love of God that is the burning heart of the Christian Faith. The Power of God that can resurrect, can raise up, can recreate, what appears to be dead and done for! In that faith Christians have possessed a power which has defied the principalities and powers of the world.

"The second fact which Easter announced to St. Paul, with the sound of the trumpet, was this: It was not any sort of a life through which the power of God had been displayed in this awesome way. No—it was the life of Jesus, selfless, surrendered to God's will, devoted to a Kingdom that cuts clean across so many accepted codes and practices of humanity. God would not permit this kind of life to see corruption. His divine purpose God would not suffer to know defeat. Not all the agencies of evil, though they might do their foulest, and might seem for an hour to be victorious, could finally defy that purpose.

"What matters then is to be a partner, not an opponent, not neutral, in the Divine purpose. The Resurrection has revealed the absolute harmony of the life of Jesus with God. The meaning of life is for us men to know Him better, to share His crusade, to possess the same mind, the same all dominating passion that were His. 'That I may know Him . . . This is no casual creed. To 'sing, 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today,' and then to disperse carelessly, with a sort of 'all's well' feeling, would have seemed to St. Paul a blindness of mind, an insensitivity of soul, a renewed crucifying of Christ, which would have taxed even his vocabulary to pillory! 'If, by any means, I might attain!' These are words of trembling aspiration and of solemn self commitment, uttered in the radiance of a hope too incredible for thought, yet by the Grace of God, shining henceforth so as no cloud can shadow it."

Easter Day services were notable occasions in the story of both churches. They should cause a demand in the minds of all

who were present for more regular participation in the worship of Almighty God with the Family that is His, for every Sunday is a "little Easter." For from the beginning, Christian people have met on the first day of the week, for continuing in the Apostles' doctrine, the breaking of bread and the prayers.

During Holy Week five classes were held for the youngsters in St. Peter's. Illustrated with suitable stories and pictures the five points of the Catechism were taught: Baptism, the Faith, Prayer, the Commandments, the Sacraments.

During March the Senior W.A. groups in both parishes put on most successful teas. To all who helped to make them so, there go sincere thanks and appreciation. The Evening W.A. at Calder had a first-rate supper in April, and judging from the number of people patronizing it, receipts should gratify all helpers very much. The Evening W.A. at St. Peter's had a social affair in the parish hall, when an Imperial Oil film, "From Paris to India," was shown, and a contribution tea was served afterwards, making a most enjoyable evening.

All W.A. groups from both parishes enjoyed the address Dr. Stone gave them on his work among the Indians of Western and Northern Canada, with his observations of the missionary work of the Church among the different tribes. Afterwards he showed many samples of the beautiful leather and bead work that is done by these people.

St. Peter's A.Y. have done several useful jobs about the property lately, and among them we note the reconstruction of several tables in the parish hall, and a good clean-up of the hall and attached rooms and cupboards.

The regular corporate communion was observed on the second Sunday in April, and afterwards the members enjoyed a fine breakfast in the hall, with lots of delicious pancakes included on the menu.

ST. STEPHEN'S

THE REV. C. E. F. WOLFF

In common with congregations the world over, St. Stephen's observed Easter-tide as the climax of the Christian calendar. But it was a climax also in the temporal affairs (as we know, and the spiritual affairs as we hope) of St. Stephen's parish whereat we marked up the greatest number of communicants in our history.

Some of our parish families made use of the ancient tradition of Mothering Sunday, the fourth in Lent, to reunite in family communion. With Passion Sunday we moved onward toward the great high point and marked the Palm Sunday by the blessing and distribution of palms, followed by the Procession of the Palms leading to the Eucharist, in which the rector was assisted by three servers, T. F. Swallow, R. Paice and Alexander Heron.

There was a good attendance at the Three Hour Service on Good Friday and a more-than-capacity attendance at the evening showing of the film, "The King of Kings."

Easter Sunday saw the return to St. Stephen's, at two early celebrations, of many whom distance and winter had

prevented, as well as a large number of newcomers to make a congregation which filled even the usually vacant front pews. Children's service was held at 10 o'clock and at eleven the procession and solemn Eucharist celebrated by the rector, with the same servers. At this service the reading of the Gospel was preceded by the procession of the gospeller and his altar staff to the chancel steps. Solemn Evensong was sung at the evening service, with Procession and Te Deum. All services on the octave of Easter followed the same order.

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Much of the credit for all these services must be accorded to the painstaking preparation of the choir, under Mrs. J. A. Swaffield, to the well ordered rhythm of the historic ceremonial by the servers, to the ladies of the Guild who reverently prepared the altar, to the donors of flowers and other furnishings of the sanctuary. Amongst these must be mentioned the new altar cross, the gift of Mr. Robert Paice, in memory of his mother, Frances Ann Paice; two new standard candlesticks, the gift of three parishioners, and the Paschal candle donated by the servers. The rector also takes this opportunity to thank the entire congregation for their kind Easter gift.

The week following Easter Sunday saw the marriage at St. Stephen's of Miss Dorothy Mary Shropshire to Mr. John Charles Arthur Nestor, the rector performing the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Nestor has been a worker for many years in the parish, which now unites to wish her happiness in Seattle, her new home.

Baptisms: Ben John Gregory and John Charles Arthur Nestor (adult).

On Tuesday, April 8th, Mr. and Mrs. Slater entertained the Scout troop, Guides' company, Cubs and Brownies, and the opportunity was taken for presentation to the troop of the silver cup emblematic of the Edmonton Scouts' hockey championship.

The Willing Workers held a successful tea and bazaar on Thursday, April 10th, in the Hudson's Bay Company's Empire Room.

A Memorial service for the late Primate, the Most Reverend Derwyn Trevor Owen, was held on Sunday, April 20th.

At their regular monthly meeting the Men's Guild decided to form itself into a working committee to take charge of a spring clean-up week.

An appeal to parishioners for funds to repair the church roof and other necessary repairs will shortly be launched by the Vestry. Competent advice is now being sought to estimate what is necessary and what it will cost.

The amount received in mite boxes was most encouraging. Those who have not yet returned theirs are asked to do so at the earliest opportunity.

Attendance at the Church School is improving. The School has purchased thirty new hymn books for church and school use.

The series of mid-week services started during Lent will be continued—8 o'clock each Wednesday evening.

Regular services—Sundays: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Church School, 10 a.m.; Sung Eucharist, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7.30 p.m. Week days: Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays and on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Evensong daily at 5.30 p.m., Saturdays at 7.30 p.m., followed by confessions.

ST. MATTHEW'S

Members of St. Matthew's W.A. celebrated the 20th anniversary of the formation of the branch on March 26th by having a reunion of present and former members in the church hall. Mrs. Chamberlain, who organized the branch in 1927, was the guest of honour and, in her own inimitable way, gave a review of some of

the highlights of her many years service and encouraged the present members to go forward to still greater things in the future. Twenty-three past and present members were present.

The Auxiliary held a successful tea and sale of work on April 9th in the parish hall.

Sunday services for May: First and third Sundays, Holy Communion at 9.15 a.m.; second and fourth Sundays, Evensong at 3 p.m.

ST. GEORGE'S, FORT SASK.

THE REV. W. W. BUXTON

We have had a very busy month in our parish. Our happiest event was on April 10th, when we had Bishop Barfoot at St. George's Church for confirmation service. He confirmed twenty-four candidates and received seven others into the membership of the Anglican Church.

Immediately following the service a reception was held in the Union Hall where Mrs. W. W. Buxton, Dr. T. W. E. Henry (rector's warden), Mr. C. H. Williams (people's warden) and Mrs. C. R. W. Mager, W.A. president, received the members of the congregation and others. Following a dainty buffet supper, which was served by members of the W.A., the Rev. W. W. Buxton presented gifts on behalf of the Vestry, W.A. and Sunday School to several members of the parish, who are moving to reside in Edmonton. He presented to Mr. J. C. Karran (a member of our parish for fifty years and who helped build the church in 1895) a pipe. To his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Neal and their family, Mr. Buxton presented a table lamp. To Mr. C. J. Hall and family who were members of our parish for seven years, he also presented a table lamp.

The members of the W.A. held a very successful Easter tea and bazaar on April 12th. They also catered to the Community Auction Sale, April 16th and served coffee, hamburgers, etc., to the large crowd which attended the sale during the day.

The Vestry's plans are progressing nicely for repair work on the church basement and construction of a basement Memorial hall.

The Sunday School children are giving thought to their examinations which will take place on May 3rd.

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

The Bishop was the celebrant at our Easter Communion. The service was very well attended and the altar was bright with beautiful spring flowers.

W.A.: The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. E. Wilkinson, with six members and

two visitors present. The president, Mrs. H. Moss, gave a Bible reading from the Gospel of St. John, appropriate for Good Friday. Mrs. C. T. Dickson gave a very interesting talk on "India on the Threshold." The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Allin, Thursday, May 1st.

Members of the parish were shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Mary Carr who passed away in Lethbridge recently. Mrs. Carr was an active member of the W.A. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Jessie and Margaret, and one son, William.

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HOLY TRINITY, BON ACCORD

Miss Arva Stewart, Girls' Work Supervisor, met and addressed the Junior W.A. girls and their mothers at the home of Mrs. S. F. Burton, on the afternoon of March 24th. The girls were all very much inspired by her lecture and display of articles made by other groups. Lunch was served. At this time we wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Burton for their kind hospitality to Miss Stewart.

The girls of the Junior W.A. were hostesses to their mothers at a formal dinner, held at the home of Mrs. Cline, March 19th. Nineteen attended the dinner.

The W.A. is collecting clothing and doing some layette sewing for social service work and are making a quilt for Dorcas. A quilting bee and tea will be held April 16th, at the home of Mrs. Muirhead. Mrs. Hugh Allen has been chosen head of the Little Helpers.

The Easter service of Holy Communion was well attended, despite exceedingly muddy roads.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GRAND CENTRE

Between mid-January and April 6th no services were possible in this district. On April 6th Evensong was sung, together with the distribution of palm crosses, the day being kept as Palm Sunday. The service was taken by Mr. H. J. Ayres who, together with fellow workers, returned here for a period of two weeks.

On Thursday, April 10th, the Rev. C. E. F. Wolff, rector of St. Stephen's, Edmonton, conducted the Three Hour Service, the day being kept as our Good Friday. The service commenced at noon and addresses were given on the seven words of our Lord upon the Cross.

On Friday, April 11th, Mr. Wolff conducted Easter Day services. Holy Communion at 8 a.m., Sung Eucharist with procession at 11 a.m., and sung Evensong with sermon at 2.30 p.m. Before the Sung Eucharist came the service of Holy Baptism.

The services this year were not as well attended as usual, due to a very late spring making roads at their worst at this time. We all appreciated very much Mr. Wolff's visit, his addresses and the administration of the sacraments, and we hope that it will be possible for him to come to us again from time to time.

A meeting of the Ladies' Guild of St. Margaret was held in the rectory after the service on April 6th. The Ladies planned to hold a tea and sale of work in the rectory around May 1st. This is the first attempt to hold a spring sale in this district and it is hoped that as many as possible will call in at the rectory for a cup of tea and look over the goods which will be on display.

The Easter meeting of the church committee was held in the rectory on Palm Sunday, at which there was a good attendance. It was decided to put the new rectory building on a solid foundation and build a brick chimney. An 8 by 10 ft. cellar is to be excavated under this build-

ing and a new floor to be put in. Further improvements are to be made, making the new rectory suitable and much warmer for this coming winter. It was found that there is still a great deal of work to be done in fencing the church property and recreation grounds and generally putting the new rectory into a suitable condition. The Easter offerings were very satisfactory considering the small number that were able to reach the church for services, but unfortunately the church still has an outstanding account of around \$350.00, which ought to be met as soon as possible. It is hoped that as many as possible will take home the little church offering boxes and put in their weekly offerings each Sunday when services are not being held. These offering boxes can be obtained upon request from Mrs. Wotherspoon at the rectory.

Evensong was sung on Sunday, April 13th, after which the service of Holy Baptism was taken at the John Neil Hospital, Cold Lake. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Fred Desjarlais on their fine twin sons.

We continue to pray that a priest may receive a call to come and work among us. It is not expected that further services will be possible in the church before late June.

Sunday School will commence on Sunday, April 20th, at 2 p.m. Children are to meet in the rectory, and it is hoped that all who can will send their children for Christian instruction in these days when our very civilization is at stake.

Holy Baptism: Donna Margaret Lucas, Alfred Emal Desjardais, Floyd Eugene Desjarlais.

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ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

CANON W. DE V. A. HUNT

On March 24th we had a delightful gathering in the parish hall in honour of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dobson, who expect to leave shortly to visit their daughter in South Africa. They will be very much missed. With all our best wishes and gratitude for many years of outstanding assistance with the Vestry and W.A., they were presented with a cabin trunk as an appropriate gift for the near future. We were also fortunate enough, on this occasion, to have the loan of the Imperial Oil pictures of India and the great "Silk Route;" these were very much enjoyed by all those present.

Easter flowers were donated by Mrs. Davies, a much appreciated gift for our altar; some beautiful Madonna lilies, from an anonymous friend, also helped to make the church exceptionally attractive this year.

Confirmation classes are in progress and we expect the Bishop's visit at the first weekend in May.

BARRHEAD-WESTLOCK

THE REV. D. V. A. BROWNE

On Sunday, March 23rd, the Bishop paid a visit to the parish. The first service was Morning Prayer at St. Luke's, Clyde. He then proceeded to St. Philip's, Westlock, for a service of Evening Prayer at 3 p.m. The final service of this visit was a service of Confirmation, held in St. Mary's Church, Barrhead, at 7.30 p.m. All services were well attended in spite of bad road conditions. For the Confirmation Service in St. Mary's, Barrhead, the church was filled to the extent that standing room was not even available.

Following the Confirmation Service the congregation and candidates proceeded to the home of Mr. E. F. Watherston for a reception, held in honour of the Bishop. The Junior W.A. under the direction of Mrs. E. G. Hooper served a delicious lunch, supplied by the Senior W.A. After lunch the Bishop in a few well chosen words expressed his appreciation for the

kindness which had been shown him in his visit to Barrhead.

The following candidates were confirmed: Bob Young, Owen Bennett, Gordon Young, Ken MacLean, Norman Bennett, Maxine Young, Laverne Young, Ethel Keech, Jane Quigley, Melba Shield, and Doreen Bennett.

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THE REV. T. C. B. BOON

It is customary to begin these notes by saying something about the services during the past month, and it is a pleasure to record that a good many members of the congregation have found the Lenten mid-week services this year quite helpful. Except for the Ash Wednesday service the attendance has not been large but the average was very steady. The use of our beautiful Litany, which is a truly corporate act of intercession, the singing of well-known hymns, and the possibility of giving a rather different type of address from the ordinary sermon have helped to make these services worthwhile attending.

There was a celebration of Holy Communion on Maunday Thursday, and the Good Friday service in the morning was much better attended this year. In the evening the choir repeated the programme of sacred music from "The Messiah," which they gave last year, with the addition of some extra organ solos by Mr. Snape. There was a fine atmosphere of worship in the services on Easter Day, though due to sickness and absence we did not have quite as many communicants as usual, and the evening congregation was distinctly "slim." The Little Helpers' Service in the afternoon was very well attended, and a very happy time. It is always a pleasure to see children brought to church by their parents, and we only wish that it happened more often.

We should like to thank the choir (and Mr. Snape, particularly,) for their good work and loyal service to the Church during the past month. Most of the members have had to contend with very heavy "flu" colds, which have made the task of singing quite difficult, and we appreciate the way in which they have contended against this handicap. We should also like to thank Mrs. Heckley for deputising at the organ while Mr. Snape was away, and for her kindness in playing for a number of extra services.

At the Vestry meeting on April 1st and again on Easter Day the vicar announced that he had appointed Mr. W. L. Wachter as vicar's warden, in place of Mr. Ted White. We are sure the parishioners will be glad to see Mr. Wachter resume the office which he held in pre-war days.

The Easter Tea arranged by the W.A. was again very successful, and we were glad to welcome so many friends of the Church. We understand that the financial results were better than usual and this in itself is a heartening matter and one for congratulation, when one recollects the weeks of hard work, the detailed planning and other efforts entailed.

The Junior organizations of the parish took a recess over the Easter period, but the G.A. girls are still working faithfully at their nursing badge course, under the direction of Mrs. Douglas; the Junior W.A. members are working hard on missionary posters, some of which are now decorating the parish hall, and the Cubs had a fine campfire evening which they greatly enjoyed.

The Junior Sunday School is now beginning to get the additional members it receives at this time of the year, when the

weather is better and the three- and four-year-olds can be let roam on Sunday mornings without fear of freezing. Hard work—memory work—seems to be the special job of the members of the Senior School at the present time. A few Sunday mornings ago we found five of the younger people working steadily and quietly at the books on their own account ten minutes before school was due to open. We hope before the end of June to make up a good deal of the time which was lost in the spring owing to sickness.

Canon and Mrs. Hunt paid a brief visit to Jasper in Easter week to "take their last look at the mountains" and say goodbye to their many friends here. We wish them both God-speed in their new work in St. Patrick's Parish, Guelph, Ontario. Their service to the scattered settlements east of Jasper Park has been long and singularly devoted, and, personally, we shall miss our Rural Dean and his wife very much.

ST. JOHN'S, ONOWAY

CANON J. C. MATTHEWS

The W.A. held a very successful tea and sale in the parish hall on Saturday, April 12th.

Mr. H. Galliford was elected financial advisor at a recent meeting.

Baptisms: John Lewis Javorsky, March 23rd; Patricia A. Camplin, April 6th; Ross Keith Phillips, at Seba Beach, on March 28th.

Mr. Honert is painting the vicarage and making it look very fine indeed. The paint has been provided by the W.A.

Sunday afternoon service was held at Duffield in the beautiful St. Matthew's Church.

DRAYTON VALLEY MISSION

Services on Good Friday and Easter Day were very well attended, both at Drayton Valley and Moon Lake.

We were very pleased to welcome the Rev. H. G. Brant, who came out to give us our Easter Communion on Low Sunday. Unfortunately it poured with rain all day, and owing to impassable roads, many people were unable to get in to church. However the size of the congregation was quite good under the circumstances. We had hoped to have Easter services at Easyford and Pembina, too, but the roads were too bad, even for the old Ford!

Mrs. Symes is leaving for the East at the end of April. We shall all miss her very much.

ALL SAINTS', SEBA BEACH

Canon Matthews addressed the meeting of the W.A. on March 27th, giving a very helpful message. The Educational Sec. gave an outline of the new study book on Kangra. The members are working for a bazaar to be held in July. At Evensong of the same day ten women were admitted as members of the W.A.

The Vestry held a meeting after Evensong. Mrs. R. Warren was appointed Envelope Secretary. Mr. O. Lawrence was named Financial Officer.

Holy Baptism: Gordon James Welch, Donna Mae Welch, Judith Anne Welch.

ST. JOHN'S, CADOMIN

THE REV. T. W. TEAPE

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Rice on April 2nd. Mrs. G. Wilson was welcomed as a new member. The meeting voted a donation to "Elizabeth House," and also that two brass vases be purchased for the Holy Table.

The service held in the church on Good Friday was well attended. We were pleased to have with us the C.G.I.T. choir, who sang the anthem, "Open the Gates of the Temple." Services were also held morning and evening on Easter Sunday. The former was well attended. The Lenten boxes were handed in at these services and the contributions made in this way were very pleasing, being nearly three times the amount received during the past few years.

We are very pleased to see that Mrs. Lent and Messrs. Rice and Coppinger are now able to be around again. Mrs. Miller is still confined to her home, but we do hope that her months of rest have helped her and that she will be able to be out before long.

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CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

THE REV. Vincent P. COLE

The regular meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. R. Johnston on April 1st. The Dorcas work was begun, and plans made to hold a quilting bee.

Mid-week services were held throughout the Lenten Season, with fair attendance.

The Three Hour Service on Good Friday was well attended.

Easter services were held on Easter Day at Mannville, Innisfree and Vegreville; on Easter Monday at Vegreville, and on Sunday, April 13th, at Wilberforce; owing to the condition of the roads it has been impossible to hold Easter services at Chailey and Stellaville.

For some weeks past confirmation classes have been held in Mannville. There are five candidates in attendance.

Burials: Mr. McGowan, of St. Mary's, Vegreville, April 7th; Miss P. Mennie, of Whitford, April 12th.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

Owing to road conditions no service has been held since February, but we are looking for better roads in the near future.

After one postponement of the April W.A. meeting we decided to hold it with as many as possible attending but despite the hazzard of mud and water thirteen members and two visitors arrived at the home of Mrs. F. P. Saint, via wagons, democrat, buggy and on horseback. It was well worth the effort, for we had a lovely meeting, both the business part and the social fellowship. After the usual monthly business had been attended to, final plans and committees were arranged for the bazaar and tea scheduled for April 26th. Many beautifully worked bazaar articles were turned in. The bazaar and tea are being held in the Mannville Parish Hall.

LANDONVILLE

THE REV. W. J. BRANT

Owing to cold weather and bad roads the Landonville W.A. did not hold a meeting in January or February. The first meeting in 1947 was held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Stanley, on our regular day, the first Wednesday in March, with six ladies present. Officers for the year are: Mrs. R. E. Stanley, re-elected president; Mrs. Harry Glowitski, vice-president; Mrs. M. J. Kada, secretary-treas. At this same meeting it was decided to pay to the Dorcas secretary \$10, instead of contributing material; \$20 was given toward the Red Cross drive; also \$25 was contributed to the Vestry.

We truly miss two very faithful members, Mrs. George Lovell, who has moved to Vermilion, and Mrs. Wm. Seal, moved to Clondonald. We wish to add that new members and visitors are invited and always welcome!

The April meeting at the home of Mrs. Steve Wasylshen brought three more ladies, giving us a membership of nine willing workers. At this meeting it was decided to raise funds for food parcels for

flood victims of Britain, by making and selling a well-filled comforter as our first effort. At this meeting a study of what the Pledge Fund is devoted to was read from the W.A. Handbook; also the report of the Dorcas work carried on by our own Diocesan branch, as given by Mrs. Wilson at the Annual in February was read. The May meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Harry Glowitski.

ST. JOHN'S, KITSCOTY

On Sunday, April 13th, we held our Easter Communion, together with the memorial service for the late Primate. It

was a very beautiful service, and the church looked very nice with daffodils sent by the W.A. and a beautiful Easter lily from Mrs. Apperson. We were glad to see 23 turn out for this service, and more especially to see our five new communicants present. The flowers were afterwards given to the sick.

On April 5th the W.A. held its annual Easter tea and sale of aprons, and we were gratified to learn that the total raised was \$83.35.

On April 10th we had our monthly meeting of the W.A., when it was decided to donate \$10 to Elizabeth House. Mrs. Butterfield was hostess and she won the mystery prize, which happened to be the very scarce commodity—clothes pins.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

THE REV. E. N. P. ORME

On March 28th seven W.A. members gave the church and Sunday school room a thorough spring cleaning. Windows were washed, furniture polished and floors washed and waxed and brasses given an extra cleaning. Everything was in readiness for the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services.

Good Friday Service at 11 a.m., with matins, sermon and "Story of the Cross," was well attended. On Easter Sunday there was a good attendance at Holy Communion at 9.45 a.m., and also at Sunday School at 11 a.m. About 40 were present for Festal Evensong and sermon at 7.30 p.m.

The members of the Junior Choir—Margaret Coatta, Marilyn Holmes, Myrtle Laroque, Michael, Claudia and Patsy Orme, and Kathleen, David and Donald Thomson—looked spic and span in their freshly laundered robes and their first Easter anthem was rendered in a very happy and joyous manner. We were grateful to Mr. Thomson, who lives a few miles east of town, for bringing his children by car into Sunday School in the morning and to Mrs. Thomson who brought them in by team for the evening service, through such muddy roads. All responsible for the children's training were delighted at such grand co-operation. Bad roads and distances are just two of the difficulties in a rural parish.

The lovely flowers on the altar were given by Mr. Holmes in memory of his mother.

At the evening service a beautiful leather Prayer Book donated by the Sunday School scholars was dedicated.

The regular meeting of the W.A. was held on April 3rd, with eight members present. Two visitors came in for tea. In the absence of the president, who was ill, Mrs. Orme took the chair. After the regular devotionals, final arrangements were made for the Easter Tea, which was held on April 5th in the curling rink. There was the usual sale of potted plants, flowers, home cooking, aprons, etc., by the Seniors, and a miscellaneous table by the Sunday School scholars. There was a steady stream of customers and many came in for tea. The venture was highly successful and our thanks are extended to all who in any way contributed to the good cause. Many thanks to Mrs. L. Gill of Lindbrook, who donated a freezer of home-made ice cream, and to Mr. Porter for his chickens, and to Mrs. McHefey for eggs and cream, also of Lindbrook, and to those who gave cash donations, etc.

We were sorry to hear Mrs. Frank Gould of Lindbrook is a patient in the University Hospital and trust she will soon be well again.

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On March 23rd, after Evensong, Mr. J. W. Robinson gave a general outline of the Diocesan Synod sessions. Much thought had been put into it and one could not help but feel there is so much for each one of us to do if we sincerely wish to extend God's Kingdom. The address, held in the parish hall, was followed by a cup of tea and sandwiches and cake prepared by some of the ladies.

Services are as follows:

Tofield: May 4th at 11 a.m., Holy Communion; May 18th, at 7.30 p.m., and May 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; June 1st, 11 a.m.

Viking: May 11th, at 7.30 p.m., and May 25th, Holy Communion at 11 a.m.; June 8th at 7.30 p.m.

Rodino: May 11th, Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m., and June 8th at 3 p.m.

Kinsella: May 25th, at 2.30 p.m.

Lindbrook: May 4th, at 3 p.m.; May 18th, Holy Communion at 11 a.m.; June 1st, at 3 p.m.

The W.A. Deanery Conference will be held at Wainwright on June 24th (Tuesday). All branches are asked to arrange for a good representation.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Freebury as a new W.A. member at Holy Trinity, Tofield.

ST. THOMAS', WAINWRIGHT

THE REV. F. E. SMITH

The Reverend F. E. Smith was duly inducted by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on March 16th, at the morning service. Everyone was impressed by the beautiful symbolism of this historic service; the solemnity and the dignity of the Induction made a deep impression upon all who were fortunate enough to secure seats. The sermon was delivered by Canon G. H. Crane-Williams. As one would expect, the address was of the highest order and no one could possibly go away feeling spiritually empty after such an oration. We were all sorry that the Bishop found it necessary to leave on the afternoon train. However, we sincerely admire him for his splendid sense of duty in coming at all, when he was under such a terrific mental strain. Special prayers were offered by the rector at the evening service for the safe and speedy recovery of Mrs. Barfoot.

Canon Crane-Williams also went with the rector to the service at Battle Heights and was surprised to find that there had only been one service there since he himself held the Harvest Festival last autumn. Unfortunately the roads have apparently been blocked all winter and one admires this staunch little congregation for holding together even though they had received neither visitation nor services. We are indebted to Miss Bacon, for both playing the organ and allowing us to use her house for services. Some day we hope that it will be possible to build a church at this point, when labour and materials are more plentiful; such a splendid group are worthy of the help and inspiration that a church can give.

March, 1947, will stand out as a memorable month in this parish, for it was then that we held the first meeting of our newly formed Parochial Council. The Council is composed of members from each point in

the parish and they plan to meet once each quarter. Hitherto each point had more or less operated as a separate unit, with little knowledge of what the other parts of the parish were thinking or doing. It was found that to get together, and lay the various matters affecting the whole parish on the table, was helpful to all; and now, for the first time, we feel that this is one parish instead of three different points sharing the same minister. We also discovered that it is an excellent idea to have ladies on the Vestry, for they provided lunch at the conclusion of the fruitful discussion.

The A.Y.P.A. enjoyed a visit from Miss Arva Stewart; she made an extremely favourable impression upon all, with her sunny nature and original ideas. She delivered an excellent address and then conducted a few games in her usual efficient manner. This was her first meeting with the Wainwright group, as they were not functioning at the time of her previous visit. We were so sorry that only about eighteen were able to be present, but we hope to have the entire group present next time. At the conclusion of the meeting a delightful lunch was served.

The Junior W.A. entertained the girls' group from Edgerton at a supper meeting, in honour of Miss Stewart. It was an excellent supper and we are deeply indebted to the Senior W.A. for sponsoring such an appetizing meal. We are delighted to meet the Edgerton girls and their splendid leader, Mrs. Sawyer. The Junior W.A. are very busy under their leader, Mrs. Kennedy, getting ready for the Festival, which is to be held later in the season.

The Senior W.A. are working hard in preparation for a Mother's Day tea and bazaar.

Two special services are being arranged for the near future. One a Children's Service, when they will bring their Lenten offerings and present them at the altar. It is being planned that the children will act as ushers, etc., and that two will read the lessons; we want them to feel that this is their Church. The A.Y.P.A. are also planning a Young People's Service. They are going to conduct the greater part of the service themselves, with the exception of the sermon, which upon this occasion will be delivered by the rector.

The newly elected parish financial adviser is Mr. Carman Coleman, he was elected by acclamation. Mr. Coleman is one of the foremost business executives of Western Canada and we are quite certain that under his capable supervision no financial errors will be made in this parish.

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RODINO

The spring roads have seriously affected the service schedule during the past month, allowing only a small attendance on Palm Sunday, cancellation of the service arranged for Easter Day and only the hosts present on Low Sunday.

This is an attribute of prairie life and reminds us that we must make every effort to attend church whenever roads and weather permit, so we look forward to rousing services by the end of April.

In spite of the above conditions, the W.A. courageously held an Easter tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Revell, and a successful undertaking is reported. Well done, Rodino, and may every success attend the summer activities.

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ST. MATTHEW'S, VIKING

We were sorry to say goodbye to Betty Scott a week or so ago, when she left Viking to accept a position with the Gov. Telephone Service in Edmonton. Betty has grown up amongst us, having been baptized and confirmed in the parish and also a member of the Sunday School.

Easter Communion was celebrated with an address by the Rev. E. N. P. Orme. The altar looked beautiful with lilies, narcissus and daffodils and the whole service was very inspiring.

The Easter tea, home cooking and apron stall was a great success and well attended. Flowers decorated the tea tables and made us all happy with their beautiful spring-like appearance.

The Story of the Cross was sung on Good Friday during Evensong.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Broughton, April 10th, with ten members and two visitors present. \$5.00 was donated to Elizabeth House. The Pew Fund was discussed and a motion was made by Mrs. Meredith that we give a percentage of all monies made during the year to this cause. Articles for sale were discussed and committee formed to finish a quilt.

A Memorial Service was held Sunday evening in memory of our beloved Primate.

Baptism: William Norman, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Whitten, on Sunday, April 13th.

ST. MARY'S, EDGERTON

THE REV. W. D. ELLWAY

It is our very great pleasure to announce the arrival of our new rector and his family. There is not much parochial news at the time of writing but we feel quite confident that interest in Church matters will again be aroused.

The Senior W.A. have plans under way for a big bazaar and social evening to be held early in May.

There is still an urgent need for help in the all-important part of Church work—that of Sunday School teachers.

The entire parish extends a warm welcome to our new rector and family, and assure them of heartiest co-operation in every possible way, and we wish them God's richest blessings and all happiness in their work amongst us.

Isn't it true that the little foxes spoil the vines! How bravely we can take the big knocks, and how the niggling little things take all the sunshine out of the day. "God, Who touchest earth with beauty" lift up our thinking into the clear reaches of eternal values.

The Good Friday and Easter services were well attended. Listening to the majesty of the Story from the solemnity of Good Friday to the glory of the Resurrection, one might well ask, "What will Jesus do with me?" "The world, not Jesus, was on trial," we heard. The world is still on trial, and before that Kingly Personality we need to kneel asking forgiveness for many things. The choir sang "O Saviour of the World," "Hallelujah! Christ is Risen," and "The Day of Resurrection."

The daffodils on Palm Sunday came from Mr. and Mrs. P. Colbert. On Easter Sunday the lilies were from Mr. and Mrs. A. Tanner, in memory of John. The beautiful spring flowers were a gift from a friend.

On Sunday, April 13th, members of the Eastern Star Order came to church for the evening service. The lovely flowers on the altar were given by the Order, in memory of Miss Wallis, who passed away in England on Easter Monday.

We offer our sympathy to our Rector on the passing of his sister.

Burial: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gothe-ridge, April 7th.

Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin**IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN**

THE REV. S. J. BELL

Good Friday and Easter Day services were well attended. The organist and some of the choir members accompanied the rector to the Easter service at St. John's, Millet.

The Sanctuary Guild (Mrs. Barnett, president), had a successful tea in the parish hall, Saturday, April 12th.

The Evening Branch W.A. (Mrs. Macfarland, president), held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Oswald. The sum of \$15 was donated to the Sanctuary Guild to help in their endeavour to provide a bishop's chair for the sanctuary. A new Little Helpers' Font Roll is to be ordered from the G.B.R.E. A tea will be held by the branch June 21st; there will be home-cooking and a sale of work.

Some progress has been made in the work on church property. The rectory and parish hall roofs have been newly shingled. The hall is to be re-wired very soon, and the question of installing gas in church and hall is again under serious consideration.

The A.Y.P.A. have been giving some time in recent meetings to the edification side of their programme, using the new spiritual advance appeal literature. Plans for the future include a telephone whist April 19th and to help contribute to the Oslo delegates' fund; a bicycle hike to Mr. and Mrs. Owen's farm; and a bang-up party, to which the other branches in the deanery will be invited (this to be the concluding feature of the season).

Thanks are due the choir committee of the W.A., under Mrs. Gore, for providing new cocks and surplices for the men members of the choir.

Holy Baptism: March 30th, Gail Susan Kimmel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Kimmel, Wetaskiwin.

Holy Matrimony: April 1st, Lawrence Homer Reid, of Brightview, to Louise Joyce Chapman, Wetaskiwin.

CAMROSE

CANON A. WALLIS

Our G.A. and J.W.A. were glad to have Miss Arva Stewart again in March. The girls, who meet at the home of their leader, Miss Studholme, conducted a meeting in the usual way, an interesting way, which brings out the vital parts of their young energies, mind and spirit. We were glad to see Miss Stewart's handicraft, and hear of some of her experiences and to have a friendly chat, finishing up with a supper party at which she was the guest of honour.

The A.Y.P.A. had corporate Communion on Sunday, April 15th, followed by breakfast in the Guild room. Do it again, young people, it brings the spirit of Kapasiwin a little closer. To include Christ with your fellowship of service, your friendship and laughter, ensures memories without any bitterness. "Thank you" to the ladies who helped cook the eggs and bacon.

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ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

The Choral Communion Service Easter Sunday was very well attended. The church looked lovely with spring flowers, some of these having been given in loving memory of Flying Officer C. M. Butcher, and of his brother, Cyril, who died some years ago.

On Good Friday the service was held held at 7.30 p.m. in the evening and at this service, also, there was a good attendance.

The sympathy of this community is extended to Canon A. Wallis in the death of his sister in England.

We were very fortunate in having the services of Mrs. Wm. Ramsell as organist during Mrs. Baker's recent absence.

W.A. meetings have been a little irregular lately due to bad roads. The next one will be at Mrs. F. G. Baker's, on May 1st, weather and roads permitting.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE

Congratulations from the parish to the Rev. and Mrs. Peake on the birth of their son.

The Altar Guild was re-organized, with Mrs. Paterson as president and Mrs. Jenkins as secretary.

The March W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Slater, with Mrs. Young and Mrs. F. Stretch as hostesses. Plans were made for the Spring Tea and Bazaar

to be held on April 12th. The committee reported that the catering to the curling bonspiel had been a very successful venture. Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Stretch reported on their trip to the Diocesan W.A. Convention. Fifty dollars was voted to the Vestry for parish purposes. The sick committee reported having paid several sick calls. Mrs. Wilson's resignation from 1st vice-presidency was accepted with regrets.

We are grateful to the clergy who visited St. Mary's to take part in the Lenten services. Thank you!

The interior of the church is undergoing a change. Some work has already been done on the sanctuary. In the near future a strip of linoleum will be laid down the centre aisle. This is a gift from a "friend of St. Mary's."

The Evening W.A. group are planning a "white elephant" auction sale at the parish hall, for the evening of April 30th. They would appreciate any donations.

An epidemic of measles decreased the Sunday School attendance for the month of March.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUIZ

1. Three, Cain, Abel and Seth. (Genesis 4: 25.)
2. A golden calf. (Exodus 32: 1-8.)
3. The Gospels.
4. Easter Day.
5. A sepulchre belonging to Joseph of Arimathea. (Matt. 27: 57-60.)
6. The first day of the week. (Luke 24: 1.)
7. The angel of the Lord. (Matt. 28: 2.)
8. Thomas, because he did not at first believe Jesus was risen. (John 20: 24-29.)
9. Forty days. (Acts 1: 3.)
10. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. (John 19: 38-42.)

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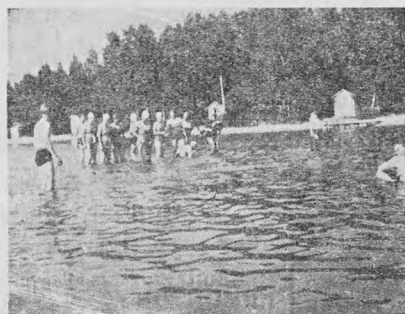


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